

AMENDMENTS TO THE CLAIMS

This listing of claims will replace all prior versions and listings of claims in the application:

LISTING OF CLAIMS:

1. (currently amended) A disk cartridge comprising:

a casing in which a flexible information recording disk is housed, and

a liner which is fixed to an inner surface of the casing or a shutter member interposed between the disk and the casing at a site opposed to the disk in order to clean the surface of the disk,

~~wherein the improvement comprises that~~ the liner is supported away from the inner surface of the casing or the shutter member so that the liner can be deflected when the disk is brought into abutment against the liner due to impact applied to the disk cartridge, and

wherein an outer periphery of the liner is supported on the inner surface of the casing or the shutter member by an outer annular protrusion formed on the inner surface of the casing or the shutter member concentrically with the disk, the outer annular protrusion positioned outward of an outer edge of the disk.

Claims 2 and 3 (canceled).

4. (currently amended): A disk cartridge as defined in Claim 21 in which the liner is formed of nonwoven fabric 40 to 80 μ m in thickness.

5. (currently amended): A disk cartridge as defined in Claim 21 in which the liner is lower in rigidity than the disk.

6. (original) A disk cartridge as defined in Claim 1 in which the liner is formed of nonwoven fabric 40 to 80 μ m in thickness.

7. (original) A disk cartridge as defined in Claim 1 in which the liner is lower in rigidity than the disk.

8. (new) The disk cartridge as defined in Claim 1, wherein an inner periphery of the liner is supported on the inner surface of the casing or the shutter member by an inner annular protrusion formed on the inner surface of the casing or the shutter member concentrically with the disk, the inner annular protrusion positioned outward of an outer edge of a flange of a center core of the casing.